

Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-20. (canceled)

Claims 21-29. (canceled)

Claim 30. (amended) ~~The method of claim 21, further comprising~~ A method of distributing digital data content to a customer, the method comprising:
transmitting a plurality of the digital data content to the customer;
transmitting additional information to the customer along with the plurality of the digital data content;
permitting the customer to preselect desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage;
permitting the customer to display any of the preselected digital data content from storage; and
transmitting digital data content displaying information from the customer to a remote location to verify that a preselected digital data content has been displayed.

previously presented Claim 31. The method of claim 30, wherein the additional data is selected from a group consisting of digital data content listing, digital data content transmission schedule, pricing data for displaying each of the plurality of digital data content, digital data content summary, a critical review of the digital data content, a sample of the digital data content.

Claim 32. The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of periodically updating the additional data.

Claim 33. (amended) The method of claim 24~~30~~, wherein the permitting the customer to preselect desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage comprises displaying the plurality of digital data content by category.

Claim 34. (amended) The method of claim 24~~30~~, further comprising preventing the preselected and stored digital data content from being displayed on unauthorized devices.

Claim 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the preventing comprises inserting coding in the digital data content which prevents display on unauthorized devices.

Claim 36. (amended) The method of claim 24~~30~~, further comprising enabling a display device for displaying of the preselected and stored digital data content.

Claim 37. The method of claim 36, wherein the enabling comprises transmitting an enabling signal to the display device from the remote location.

Claim 38. (amended) The method of claim 24~~30~~, wherein the plurality of digital data content is transmitted to a plurality of customers, the method further comprising altering the preselected and stored digital data content to identify the particular customer from the plurality of customers.

Claim 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the altering comprises inserting a digital watermark in the preselected digital data content prior to storage.

Claim 40. (amended) A method of distributing digital data content to a customer, the method comprising:

transmitting a plurality of the digital data content to the customer;

permitting the customer to preselect desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage;

permitting the customer to display any of the preselected digital data content from

storage;

transmitting digital data content displaying information from the customer to a remote location to verify that a preselected digital data content has been displayed; and

~~The method of claim 21, further comprising automatically selecting storage of additional~~
information according to a predetermined criteria.

Claim 41. The method of claim 40, wherein the additional information is promotional information on at least one of the plurality of digital data content.

Claim 42. The method of claim 40, wherein the digital data content is video image data and the additional information is a soundtrack corresponding to the video image data.

Claim 43. The method of claim 40, wherein the predetermined criteria is according to a customer preference.

Claim 44. The method of claim 40, wherein the predetermined criteria is according to a customer profile.

Claim 45. The method of claim 40, further comprising advising the customer of the storage of the additional information.

Claim 46. (amended) The method of claim ~~24~~30, further comprising detecting data errors in the stored digital data content.

Claim 47. The method of claim 46, further comprising informing the customer of detected data errors in the stored digital data content and permitting the customer to either display the digital data content with errors or repair the errors in the digital data content.

Claim 48. The method of claim 47, wherein the repair of the errors in the digital data content comprises retransmitting the digital data content and storing the retransmitted digital data content.

Claim 49. The method of claim 46, further comprising designating a degree of errors in the stored digital data content and informing the customer of the degree of errors.

Claim 50. (amended) The method of claim ~~24~~³⁰, further comprising crediting a provider of the digital data content upon displaying of the digital data content.

Claim 51-55. (canceled)

Claim 56. (amended) ~~The method of claim 51~~ A method of distributing digital data content to a customer, the method comprising:

transmitting a plurality of the digital data content to the customer;
automatically selecting desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage according to a predetermined criteria, wherein the predetermined criteria is randomly on a periodic basis;

permitting the customer to display any of the selected digital data content from storage;
and

transmitting digital data content displaying information from the customer to a remote location to verify that a selected digital data content has been displayed.

Claim 57. (amended) A method of distributing digital data content to a customer, the method comprising:

transmitting a plurality of the digital data content to the customer;
automatically selecting desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage according to a predetermined criteria~~The method of claim 51,~~ wherein the predetermined criteria is based on the popularity of the digital data content;

permitting the customer to display any of the selected digital data content from storage;
and

transmitting digital data content displaying information from the customer to a remote location to verify that a selected digital data content has been displayed.

Claim 58. (canceled)

Claim 59. (canceled)

Claim 60. (amended) The method of claim ~~58~~57, further comprising:
transmitting classification information in a header of at least some of the plurality of digital data content;

comparing the classification information to preference information of the customer; and
automatically selecting digital data content from the plurality of digital data content having a predetermined degree of similarity between the classification information and the preference information.

Claim 61. (amended) The method of claim ~~54~~57, further comprising overwriting stored digital data content with the automatically selected digital data content according to a predetermined criteria.

Claim 62. (amended) The method of claim ~~64~~57, wherein the predetermined criteria is that the oldest stored digital data content is overwritten with the automatically selected digital data content.

Claim 63. (amended) The method of claim ~~64~~57, wherein the predetermined criteria is that older releases of stored digital data content is overwritten with the automatically selected digital data content.

Claim 64. (amended) The method of claim 64~~57~~, wherein the predetermined criteria is that stored digital data content which least fits a preference of the customer is overwritten with the automatically selected digital data content.

Claims 65-106. (canceled)

Claim 107. (amended) ~~The user station of claim 98~~ A user station for displaying digital data content, the user station comprising:

a receiver for receiving a transmission of a plurality of digital data content;

a memory;

a means for automatically selecting from the plurality of digital data content for storage in the memory wherein the predetermined criteria is randomly on a periodic basis; and

selection means for informing the user of the digital data content automatically selected and for selecting from the automatically selected digital data content for display.

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Claim 108. (amended) ~~The user station of claim 98~~ A user station for displaying digital data content, the user station comprising:

a receiver for receiving a transmission of a plurality of digital data content;

a memory;

a means for automatically selecting from the plurality of digital data content for storage in the memory wherein the predetermined criteria is based on the popularity of the digital data content; and

selection means for informing the user of the digital data content automatically selected and for selecting from the automatically selected digital data content for display.

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Claims 109-110. (canceled)